has been a traditional export item, as well as coal, is being diverted to other ports and not exported through the Calcutta Port?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, I have already enumerated the different schemes which have been sanctioned during the Sixth Five Year Plan and out of these schemes, there is a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of draught in the navigational Channel leading to the ports of Calcutta and Haldia.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Sir, there is a sad news.

**श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** माननीय सभापति जी, एक संसद सदस्य को गोली मारकर मार डाला गया है. . . (व्यवधान) मेरा कहना है कि. . . (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am going to make the announcement at the end of Question Hour. You should not disturb the Question Hour on any account.

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: I have already stated that a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of draught in the navigational channel leading to the ports of Calcutta annd Haldia at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.5 crores has been sanctioned. This is under implementation. As far as the improvement of the draught is concerned, dredging is the only answer. But in the case of Calcutta Port, there is a limit for the improvement of the draught there. Dredging is being done to improve the draught to the extent possible. Further, some more measures are being taken at the Calcutta Port and Haldia Dock for the improvement of the draught.

**Taking-over of houses by HAL from the Maharashtra Housing Board**

*125. SHRI BISHWA KOSWAMI:†

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. has taken possession of over 120 houses from the Maharashtra Housing Board, Bombay;

(b) if so, since when these Houses are in the possession of H.A.L.;

(c) what rent the H.A.L., has been paying to the Maharashtra Housing Board;

(d) what is the number of houses actually occupied by the employees of H.A.L.;

(e) what is the number of houses lying vacant; and

(f) what are the reasons for keeping these houses vacant?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) In 1968, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) took on lease 130 tenements from the Maharashtra Housing Board, for providing residential accommodation to the workmen of the Santa Cruz base of the Company. By December, 1981, 28 tenements were surrendered due to reduction in the staff. Of the remaining 102 tenements, 40 were purchased by HAL in June, 1984, for the needs of their Liaison Office at Bombay. 62 tenements continue to be held on lease.

(c) For the tenements on lease, HAL have paid rent at the rate of Rs. 85.75 per tenement per month upto December 1984, and Rs. 107.60 thereafter.

(d) to (f) At present 18 tenements are occupied by HAL staff while the rest are unoccupied. HAL's Santa Cruz base was closed on 31st December, 1984. HAL were advised by Air Headquaters not to surrender the 62 tenements held on lease as those are required for the Indian Air Force personnel.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Biswa Goswami.

SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Sir, from the reply of the hon. Minister, it is clear that out of 62 tenements, eighteen are in occupation and the rest are vacant. I would like to know from the hon. Minister why these tenements are kept vacant and does it not mean the Government is incurring loss because you are keeping the tenements vacant and paying rent for them?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, we all know how difficult it is to get accommodation in Bombay. The IAF feel that they want these tenements not only for transit purposes. These purposes are very real. Their personnel come and go. while they pass through Bombay, they want these tenements to be used. These are small tenements not big tenements. The other thing is that the ONGC is going to make use of several personnel from the IAF. Therefore, IAF feels that their accommodation is going to pose a problem. The Petroleum Ministry has also approched the Housing Board, the Maharashtra Housing Board authorities, to have these tenements transferred in their favour as tenants . . . so that they may be able to use these tenement for the accommodation of those IAF personnel who would be working in ONGC. There is no question of wasting accommodation. All these accommodation is needed, the only thing is, it will take one or two months before this transfer or whatever regularisation is needed takes place. It is all accommodation that would be needed.

SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: The Nehrunagar Rahbasi Sangha wrote a letter to the Prime Minister on 22nd June stating that the tenements, are kept vacant and that they are not being used, thereby the people are suffering because other people also want accommodation.

So, I want to know whether it is a fact that the Nehrunagar Rahibasi Sangha complained to the Prime Minister that the tenements are kept vacant and also whether the tenements will not be kept vacant for a long period, they will be occupied or transferred soon.

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: Yes, Sir, these tenements will not be kept vacant for a long time. The ONGC has already approachel the Maharashtra authority and I am certain that there will not be any further delay, may be a month or a little more.

डा० बापू कालदाते : सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने विस्तार से जवाब दिया है कि यह बात तो ठीक की लेकिन हमारे दो सवाल हैं आपसे । एक तो है कि जब आपने 1968 में बेस बनाया और यह सोचकर बनाया होगा कि उसमें और ज्यादा लोग आकर रहेंगे तो आपने खुद जवाब में यह कहा है कि 1984 में वहां का जो बेस है उसको बंद कर दिया । मुझे लगता है कि एक तो शायद आपके नियोजन में कुछ खामियां होंगी या उस समय जो कोई होंगे उनके सोचने के ढंग में कुछ खामियां होंगी, या कुछ विशेष कारण होगा कि जिसके कारण आपने इस बेस को बंद कर दिया । मेरा एक ही सवाल है कि जब से आपने 130 मकानों को खरीदा है या लिया है 1968 से तब से कितने सालों तक इसको काम में लाया ?

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : एक तो यह है कि यह जो बेस बना था यह बना था ओवर हालिंग आफ आर-3350 इंजन । खासकर के इंजन की ओवरहालिंग के लिए बना था । वह काम पूरा हो गया इसलिए उस बेस को 1984 के अंत में वाइन्ड अप कर दिया गया । जब तक वह बेस चलता रहा उनकी जरूरत थी, इन सारे टेनेमेंटस की और जब जरूरत नहीं थी, जितनी हद तक जरूरत नहीं थी, उस हद तक सरेंडर नहीं किया, जितनी जरूरत थी उसको उन्होंने रखा अब रहा सवाल कि एक जनवरी, 1985 से क्या हाल है तो एक जनवरी 1985 के बाद वे सरेंडर करना चाहते थे, एच० ए० एल० को जरूरत नहीं थी, कुछ जरूरत थी, जिस हद तक जरूरत नहीं थी वह सरेंडर करना चाहते थे लेकिन इस बीच में हमें जरूरत महसूस हुई कि जो हमारे आई० ए० एफ० के लोग ओ० एन० जी० सी० में काम करने वाले हैं और कर रहे हैं उनके लिए एकोमोडेशन की बहुत बड़ी जरूरत है और कमी है तो हमने सोचा कि एच० ए० एल० को कह दें जो सिस्टर इस्टीट्यूशन हमारा ही है कि अभी खाली मत कीजिए अभी खाली करेंगे तथा और लोगों को दिये जायेंगे

तो हमारे लोगों के लिए तकलीफ होगी। तो वह चीज रेगूलराइज हो रही है। महाराष्ट्र अथारिटी से कहा गया है कि ये जो टेनेमेंट्स खाली हैं इस वक्त ये हमको दे दीजिए, हमें इसकी जरुरत है तो मैं आपको विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूं कि कोई टेनामेंट खाली नहीं रखा जायेगा, जरूरत नहीं तो हम खुद सरेंडर करेंगे। जरूरत इस वक्त है इसलिए हमने रखा है।

**Request for opening of Central School in Avikanagar, Rajasthan**

*126. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received pany proposal/request from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to open a Central School at Avikanagar in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has offered to take the financial burden for running the proposed school;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the effirmative. at what stage the proposal is pending; and

(d) whether the proposed school is likely to be opened during 1985?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes Sir. (b) Yes. Sir.

(c) and (d) Proposal to open a Kendriya Vidayalaya (Central School) in the campus of Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar (Rajasthan) during the current aeademic year is under active consideration of the Kendriya Vidayalaya Sangathan.

SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Sir, I am happy to note that the proposal for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Avikanagar is under active consideration, but may I know when exactly the school is going to be opened so that the interests of the children are fully safeguarded? I would also request the hon. Minister to indicate the latest date by which the school is going to be opened.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, "active consideration" does not necessarily mean that the school will be opened. It is under active consideration because there are some problems. Otherwise the school would have been opened earlier. And the problem is that it does not qualify in accordance with the norms laid down by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, specifically in respect of the number of employees there. There are 436 Central Government employees employed at this institute. The minimum number is 1000, according to the norms. So on that basis it does not qualify. On the other hand this is in a remote area. One recognises this. Then on the other hand these are not transferable Central Government servants. whereas the Kendriya Vidyalayas are meant for transferable Central Government servants. So the question is not so straightforward and therefore I cannot at this stage say definitely whether we will or will not set up this school.

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव:** सभापति जी मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं, जैसा मंत्री जी ने कहा केन्द्रीय विद्यालय जो कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् खोलना चाहता है, उसमें कुछ नार्म्स ऐसे हैं, जिस नार्म्स के कारण उसको ले सकते हैं। लेकिन दूसरे केन्द्रीय विद्यालय के रूप में दूसरे विद्यालय तो खोल सकते हैं और सरकार अगर बिना खर्चा दूसरा विभाग खोलना चाहते हैं, मैं चाहता हूं कि सरकार इस प्रकार के केन्द्रीय विद्यालय उसी स्तर की किसी दूसरे मंत्रालय या दूसरे किसी विभाग या दूसरे इस्टीट्यूशन को जैसे पब्लिक स्कूल खोलने की अनुमति दी है, पब्लिक स्कूल आप चलाने देते है, मिशनरी को अनुमति देते है, तो क्या कारण है कि इसमें आप इतना कर रहे हैं, तो क्यों नहीं रास्ता साफ करते कि इस तरह के विद्यालय, अच्छे विद्यालय और भी लोग चलाना चाहे तो चलाए?

**श्री के० सी० पंत:** और लोग चलाना चाहें तो हमको कोई भी आपत्ति नहीं है। अगर इस्टीट्यूट अपने स्कूल खोलना चाहें तो उसमें आपत्ति नहीं है।

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव:** नहीं, केन्द्रीय विद्यालय के रूप में ही खोले, तो उसमें आपको क्या आपत्ति है, यह रिस्ट्रक्शन क्यों रखे हैं?